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I, IAN FARQUHAR MACRAE of 14 Myrniong Grove Hawthorn in the State of Victoria, formerly VX44787 Major I. F. MACRAE of 2/21 Battalion Australian Imperial Forces, makes oath and say:-

1. I was captured in Ambon on 2nd. February, 1942, and taken to TANTOEY CAMP: At this camp there were 791 Australian prisoners. There was a Dutch prison camp across the road, the senior Dutch officer being Colonel KAPITZ.

2. About the middle of 1942 Dutch troops were ordered to unload bombs from ships. Colonel KAPITZ protested to the Japanese authorities. Capt ANDO the Japanese Commander of AMBON Town visited the camp and addressed the Dutch telling them if anyone would not obey his orders and unload the ship he would execute them on the spot.

3. The Japanese discovered that Dutch prisoners were sending letters to their wives who were interned in another camp. As a result of this on 12th July, 1942, 34 Dutch prisoners including nine officers, two doctors and a padre were assembled with their hands tied. At about 1400 hours a platoon of Japanese marines under Capt. ANDO, armed with star pickets, length of piping and pick handles, commenced to beat the Dutch. They continued until all of the prisoners had been beaten into unconsciousness. Capt ANDO then struck each of the unconscious prisoners on the head with a pick handle. The scene of the beating was slippery with blood. Thirteen of the prisoners suffered single and double fractures whilst two of them sustained fractured skulls. Three of the prisoners died, two from fractured skulls and one from ruptured kidneys.

4. On 25th October, 1942, two hundred and sixty three Australian prisoners and about 300 Dutch prisoners were shipped from AMBON to HAINAN.

Sworn at MELBOURNE in the State of Victoria this the 3rd. day of October, 1946, Before me
(Sgd) Illegible) (Sgd) I. MACRAE)

A Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Victoria for taking Affidavits.